(viii) The Transport Department, Government of Delhi had, between March, 1990 and November, 1993, checked approximately 11.59 lakh vehicles.

(ix) Private petrol pumps and workshops numbering 120 have been authorised by the Department of Transport, Govt. of Delhi for pollution checking tuning of polluting vehicles and issuance of Pollution under Control Certificates. Approximately, 12,01 lakh vehicles have availed this facility between July, 1990 and November 1993. Of these, 3.25 lakh polluting vehicles have been tuned and pollution emitted from these vehicles have been brought within the prescribed standards.

(x) It has been decided to introduce unleaded petrol in Delhi from April 1, 1995, for new four wheeler petrol driven vehicles fitted with catalytic converters.

Environment clearance of New Coal Mines

1094. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any guidelines have been framed regarding quality of coal, particularly with reference to the ash content, for according environmental clearances for new coal mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the weightage given to the ash contents in coal while according environmental clearances;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor, keeping in view that high ash content coal tends to pollute the environment;

(d) whether any action has been taken or contemplated to stop mining of such quality of coal which has ash content or more than a specified limit; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Keeping in view that high ash content coal tends to pollute the environment, several stringent conditions are being stipulated to minimise the adverse impacts while according environmental clearance.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Indian coals by their very nature have a higher ash content compared to those from many countries. It is, therefore, not advisable to make any stipulations in this regard.

Use of Aircraft frum UNDP

1095. SHRI V. GUPALSAMY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many aircrafts Government took from UNDP in the past;

(b) the details of these aircrafts and the purpose for which each aircrafts was used in the past;

(c) how many aircrafts are presently left with Government; and

(d) whether there had been any loss of aircraft in the past; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Environment and Forests received one helicopter and one airplane from UNDP, the details of which are as under:

1. Lama Helicopter VT-ELY

2 Piper Seneca III Airplane VT-EOZ.

These aircrafts were acquired by the Ministry as part of a UNDP—assisted project on Modern Forest Fire Control Methods. The project came to an end in 1990-91, and the aircrafts continued to